then ?" SprOh, six or seven months. After had never heard of; but before tallthis visit to his office an interview ing of it he wanted to know what it was arranged for by Mr. Wood by would be worth to him. I had known telephone. I was to meet him at an Mr. Banks some years as a husiness office in Exchange Place. I remember had to go through the crowd of Furb brokers. Mr. Wood's office was apparently used for storing furni-

"Any name on the door?" asked Senator Thompson.

"I don't remember."

baked a young man who was with would pay him. I've forgotten him to step out. He did. Mr. Wood | whether it was \$5,000 or what it was asked me if it was worth a commisnion if he could influence it for us. the contract was obtained and how I told him I had no authority. He \$1,500 was given to Wood for his said a job of that size ought to be part in getting it. worth \$5,000. I told him I had no authority to say."

"Did he tell you the matter was before him?"

"I knew it had to be approved by im. There mad been a hearing. know the Federal people had been present. I don't know whether this Prisoner Wanted to Show McQuade was before or after my visit to his Mce. I know that some little time after our talk in Mr. Wood's office there was a formal hearing with lawyers and experts,

"In our talk at his office I told Me. hing I telephoned Col. Prout at his

WE CAN'T QUARREL WITH

"Col. Prout. as I remember, said: We can't quarrel with Wood, You'll have to tow him along."

"A short time afterward I went to the Union Company's office at Swissvale on an engineering matter. I saw Col. Prout at his office, with Mr. Up. tegraff, who was then a Vice Prestdent. During a general conversation Col. Prout wanted to know how things were going, and what disposition had been made of the matter Commissioner Wood had proposed. Col. Prout said he didn't know how a matter like that should be handled, He asked Mr. Uptegraff. Apparent ly he didn't know how it should be handled. I said I didn't know, Mr. Uptegraff said the only way would be for me to charge it up on my personal account. I thought that was unfair. I told Col. Prout I would not expend any money and be charged with it, unless I could account for it, and rather than do that I'd chuck up my job.

"I went back to New York. There I saw Mr. Wood and told him I was in no position to talk on the matter he had proposed. A few days later I went to the formal hearing in the nearing room of the Public Service Commission. There was a long drawn out argument by lawyers along patlines. That was the last day I saw Mr. Wood. I have never seen him since."

"Do you remember the date?" HOW HE CAME TO QUIT THE yond their control. COMPANY.

"I do not. Shortly afterward I was called to Pittsburgh to a meeting of directors of the Union company. Mr. Uptegraff told me I had been requested to resign; said Col. Prout had resigned. I protested, after being with them fifteen years. Col. Prout

with them fifteen years. Col. Prout protested against their dischargins me, after my service of fifteen years, for a matter that came clearly within my province."

"Anything further?"

"Yes. I'd like to tell my story in my own way. I left the employ of the Union Switch, and within a week I was in communication with Mr. Salmon, President of the General Railway Signal Company. I told him all about the circumstances of my leaving the Union Switch, He made me a member of the board of directors, something that had not haptors, something that had not happened before. May I smoke?" Some one handed Mr Johnson

cigarette. He puffed at it nervously. "Mr. Salmon was very kind," he at being thrown out by the Union Switch after lifteen years' faithful

calmly. "I was a little upset, remembering that treatment."

"Did you ever see Mr. Wood again?"

"I have never seen him and do not want to see him."

"Something else, yes; about that Kansas City, Clay County and St. Joe contract. Mr. Banks (William C. Banks) introduced Mr. Wood to me

to Col. Prout. Mr. Wood thought he "How long had you known him was in position to land us a good sized contract on a proposition we acquaintance, not a friend.

"I told Mr. Wood that if it was a brand new proposition we had not been working on we would pay him well. Mr. Wood wanted to know if he could have a written contract. I told him no. He told me then that it was the Kansas City, Clay County Was it No. 43 Exchange Place?" and St. Jos proposition; and I told "I don't remember. Mr. Wood him we had never heard of it and Johnson then went on to tell how

### "SOUARED OFF" TO JUDGE BUT LANDS IN BELLEVUE

He Was a Pug; Didn't Know His Honor.

Hundred and Twenty-third Street, will prevent clashes between Bulgar Wood I had no authority. That eve- arraigned on a burglary charge be- and Grock troops. fore Magistrate McQuade in Washclub in Pittsburgh and asked what I ington Heights Court to-day, resenthis statement that he was a prizefighter. He threw his coat on the Bulgarian attack. desk and squared off.

"What are you doing that for?" asked the Magistrate.

whether I am a fighter or not." The prisoner was sent to Bellevus

for ten days for observation. Hart was arrested on the roof of the Hapbridge apartments, at No. frightened the tenants by running up here has any doubt that the same down the fire escape for fifteen Bulgarian forces will invade Greek laker recovered from 171, the lo laker recovered from 171, the lo point, to 174. General Motors do point training for a boxing match started

the scene in court.

(P. S.—Hart did not know that Magistrate McQuade bears a reputation of being able to go some even to-day.)

#### WOMEN FOUGHT FIRE NEAR BEECHER MANSION

in W. H. Stone's Home on Brooklyn Heights.

Vasen Dolla, a Japanese cook, and Brooklyn, after fighting a fire in the this afternoon, found it getting be-

They ran upstairs and found Miss Mary Stone, seventeen years old, confused in the smoke and unable to culty in beating back all hostile atrealize what was the matter. They tacks. They believe the German hurried her out of the house and gave realize that such an attempt would the alarm.

Meanwhile smoke had worked through into the Henry Ward Beech. declared by the Allies and the Ger-

continued. "I was very much cut up which arrived at Kirkwall yesterday,

At this moment Mr. Johnson's eyes filled, his voice shook. He jumped out of the chair and started out of the room. In a few moments he returned.

"Pardon this depression," he said calmiy, "I was a little work."

"I was a l

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## **BULGARIANS AGREE** WITH THE GREEKS ON NEUTRAL ZONE

Salonica Is Being Transformed by the Allies Into a Greek Fortress.

EXPECT ATTACK SOON.

One Report Is That a Truce Will Be Declared Pending

Greek Election.

SOFIA, Dec. 16 (via London).-A neutral zone extending two kilometres on each side of the frontier has been agreed upon between Greece and Bulgaria, according to an official an-Philip Hart of No. 310 West One nouncement made here to-day. This

ATHENS, Dec. .6.-Salonica is being transformed into an almost imed doubt cast by the Magistrate on pregnable fortress by the allies, in anticipation of an Austro-German or

Greek laborers, working side by side with soldiers of the allies, are digging row after row of earthworks. "I'm going to take a chance on Engineers are mapping gun ranges. you," said Hart, "and show you An lo-French artillery is being stationed on all the heights commanding changes, with selling pressure conthe approach to the city and the rail- tinued in Studebaker and Baldwin way line leading north from Salonica which had caused sharp reaction in

s heavily mined. Neither Gen. Sarrail nor the Anglothe Hapbridge apartments, at No. Sender Gell, Sarran not consider a fessional during first hour, 549 Manhattan Avenue, after he had French diplomatic representatives fessional during first hour, 549 Manhattan Avenue, after he had break diplomatic representatives fessional during first hour,

> troops have fallen back in the 31-rection of Salonica, the British continue to hold a position north of Kii-lindir, within artillery range of the to action of several banks in reducing Bulgars across the border near Lake the valuation put upon stock as collateral.

plies of heavy guns and other war Girl Bewildered by Smoke in Blaze material were put ashore. Excepthave evacuated Salonica, leaving the hour, was a favorable feature. Prices city at the disposal of the expeditionary forces.

Despite the belief prevalent at Sal-James Holder, negro butler in the onica, Greek military authorities home of William H. Stone, a coffee doubt that the Germans will make a broker at No. 123 Columbia Heights, serious attempt to sweep Gen. Serrall into the sea. The Greek newspapers basement for a quarter of an hour declare unanimously that not a single Bulgarian soldier will be allowed or Greek soil. They also assert that under the protection of their warships guns, the allies would have no diffi-

be hopeless. LONDON, Dec. 16 .- A truce may be

Disposition of Vessel by
British Not Told.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—News concerning the For1 peace ship Oscar II., which arrived at Kirkwall yesterday, was still lacking to-day. Officials professed to have no information excepting to a despatch from Janina.

August—to go on leave of absence.

Mr. Salmon kindly told me to go ahead; that my pay would begin from the first of August."

professed to have no information excerding to a despatch from Janina Albania, ac certain the peace ship would be released after the usual examination in nowise discouraged, the despatch from the first of August."

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 16.-Austro - Hungarian troops, pushing their advance in Montenegro, have reached the vicinity of Biolopolie, or the Lim River, about twenty miles west of the Serbian border, it was announced by German Army Head-quarters.

#### AGED KING OF SERBIA ON THE WAY TO ITALY

quarters.

Ruler Who Barely Escaped From Bulgars to Live in a Royal Villa.

ROME, Dec. 16. The aged King Peter of Serbia, who was forced to flee through the Albanian mountains to escape capture by the Bulgarians will arrive in Italy within a few days from Schiari.

The royal villa at Caserta has been placed at his disposal by King Victor Emnauel, it was learned to-day Preparations are also being made to receive the Montenegrin royal family In case the Austrians succeed in over unning Montenegro.
The Italian Quien is the daughter of King Nicholas of Montenegro.

MILLION AIRE'S WIFE WHO DEFEATS HUSBAND



Opening prices showed fractional those issues at Wednesday's close Dealings were almost entirely pro Gas advanced 3 points to 146. Stude-Though large bodies of French villed to 510, off 23 points. United

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West Side Savings Bank declared a dividend at rate of t per cent per annum for the six months ending beat. Since Jan. 1, 1912, the rate has been 1tg per cent

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# DEFEATS HUSBAND WILSON AND LANSING REJECT THE DEMANDS OF AUSTRIA

(Continued From First Page.)

to those Americans who suffered. The note stands as the most vigorous of all the American correspondence of the war and was not equalled even by the note at the close of the submarine controversy with Germany.

Baron Sweidinek had no official despatches from Vienna, but after reading the news despatches he went to the State Department and conferred with Secretary Lansing. Previously the Baron had inquired what the attitude of the United States would be toward an unacceptable reply. To-day, on the basis of the news despatches, the Charge and the Secretary discussed the situation informally.

VIENNA (via Berlin and London), Dec. 16.-The situation as regards Austria-Hungary and the United States is considered here to have become less tense since the reply to the American note was despatched.

### Austrian Note Criticises U. S.; Wants More Facts About Ancona

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- The reply of the Austro-Hungarian Government to the note from the United States relative to the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by an Austrian submarine, with the loss of American lives, was handed to Frederick C. Penfield, United States Ambassador at Vienna. on Tuesday, according to a despatch from Amsterdam to Reuter's Telegram Company. The correspondent quotes from the reply as follows:

"From the sharpness with which the Government of the United States believed it ought to censure the commander of the submarine, and from the firmness with which the demands addressed to the Austro-Hungarian Government appear to have been brought forward, it could be expected that the American Government would clearly give the actual circumstances upon which it relies. As can be easily recognized, the representation of the circumstances contained in the note allows numerous doubts and gives not at all sufficient reasons for blaming the commander of the submarine and the Austro-Hungarian Government, even if the representation proves correct in all points and judgment in the case is based on the most rigorous legal interpretation.

"The American Government also omitted to indicate the persons to whose statement it refers and to whom it apparently believes it must attribute a higher degree of trustworthiness than

to a commander in the Imperial Royal Navy. "As to the number, names and the details concerning the fate of the American citizens who, in the critical moment, were aboard the above-mentioned steamer, the note does not give any explanation. But in view of the fact that the Washington Cabinet now has given a positive declaration that at the above-mentioned incident subjects of the United States came to grief, the Ausro-Hungarian Government in principle is prepared to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American Government. But in the first instance it must raise the question of why this Government refrained from judicially motivating the demands stated in its note with regard to the special circumstances of the incriminating incident, which are especially pointed out by the American Government, and in the place of such motivation mentioned an exchange of correspondence which it had with another government about another affair. [The

America note to Germany on the Lusitania case.] "The Austro-Hungarian Government is the less able to follow the Washington Cabinet in this unusual attitude, as it in no way possesses a knowledge of all the correspondence having reference to it. The Austro-Hungarian Government also is not of the opinion that this knowledge could be sufficient for the present case, which, according to its own information, is materially different from the case or cases to which the American Government apparently is referring. Therefore, the Austro-Hungarian Government must leave it to the Washington Cabinet to draw up the individual legal maxims which the commander of the submarine is alleged to have violated when sinking the Ancona.

"The American Government also thought it advisable to point out the attitude which the Berlin Cabinet in the before mentioned exchange of correspondence had taken. In the highly esteemed note Austro-Hungarian Government finds no support for this course, If the American Government should have intended thereby to express an opinion as if a precedent exists for the present case, the Austro-Hungarian Government, in order to prevent misunderstanding, must declare that it, of course, must preserve full liberty to urge its own interpretations during the discussion of the Ancona case."

### Germany Takes Little Interest In Austrian Note to U.S.

HERIAN. Dec. 16 (via London).—
The transcript of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case reached Berlin so late that only a part of the morning newspapers were able to print it.

There were no comments on the communication. A general lack of interest in the matter would appear to be indicated by the fact that the papers print the note on an inside page.

Heritan Serbian officiers and others accused of hostility to Austro-Hungarian fact been issued by Serbian officials after the assaination of the Austro-Hungarian Red Hook, giving the official correspondence which led up to the war, there are published accounts made by the flower print the note on an inside page.

pers print the note on an inside page or give it only a secondary position on the front page.

LONDON, Dec. 16.-The Westminster Gazette says in regard to the Austrian reply to the American note:

"Taking its one from the German correspondence about the Lusitania. Vienna's purpose is clearly to temporize and involve the American Government in a redious exchange of building of a formal incurry into their they show that they are not willing the show that they are not will be shown that they are no can mind will have forgotten the inci- to comply seriously with this demand dent. The real question is whether the United Stats is or is not tired of this kind of thing."

Ine order evening newspapers of London contain no editorial comment on the Austrian reply, but their head-ines indicate the trend of opinion. "Evasive pleading," is the Evening Standard's estimate. The Pall Mail Gazette's headline is: "Audacious reply to the United States," and that of the Evening news." "Austria floot. of the Evening news: "Austria flouts

#### AUSTRIA'S REPLY TO U. S. LIKE SERBIAN NOTE SHE REJECTED.

Austria's reply to America's An-The number of Pennsylvania R. R. storbholders at the end of November was 93.739, the largest in company's bistory. The average holding was cons note requesting information which the United States may pos-sess concerning the deaths of Amer-sess concerning the deaths of Amer-sure eithern in the same kind of any man citizens is the same kind of answer that Serbia made to Austria's Likesty National Bank-Regular original ultimatum, which brought parterly disidend of 5 per cent and a cuts disidend of 10 per cent; also ored 10 per cent; of annual salary to declined to believe Serbia's professingleses; this compares with 5 per sions of ignorance and refused to ensual last year. The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Recase of its long and its l

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These comments invariably refuse to accent Serbia's plea of ignorance as valid. The final comment concerning the interviews of Serbian officials, about which Vienna demanded an explanation, as is follows:

"The interview in question must be quite well known to the royal Serbian Government. By requesting the intervial and royal Government (Austro-Hungary) to communicate to tre-Hungary) to communicate them all kinds of details about the either.

#### The other evening newspapers of BLACK SOLDIERS FOR FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 16 .- The Excelsior says the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Deputies is considering a Chamber of Deputies is considering a proposal made by Gratien Candace, a volored deputy from timadaloupe, that France, in conjunction with her allies, consider means of obtaining the military co-operation of Abyssinia, under a guarantee of her independence.

This would be a counter-stroke, M. Candace believes, to German efforts to incite native chiefs in the regions adjoining the Saudan to march on Khartoum and to stir up the Mussulman population against Southern Egypt.

Ambrose Guns.
Funeral from the Church of the Sacred Heart. West 51st st., on Friday Morning. Dec. 17, at 10 c'clock.

MAINE,-At her residence, 241 Eim et. West Brighton, S. I., MARGARET, beloved wife of James A. Maine Jr. Funeral Saturday morning from Church of the Sacred Heart, Castleton Av., West New Brighton, at 10 A. M.

Interment Holy Sepulcure Cometery,

Newark, N. J.

## 1,000,000 SERBIAN **WOMEN AND GIRLS** IN WANT AND FEAR

Left in Towns Practically Without Food and Unprotected From Robbers.

SALONICA. Dec. 16.—A million air attack on Muelibeim was aimed Serbian girls and women are facing at the railroad station. No bomb was intense suffering and possible death through lack of food and clothing or a worse fate at the hands of roving done was at a hospital, where some the invading armies.

Well-clothed, well-fed soldiers of the allies suffered intensely from the cold in Southern Serbia. What is attacked by surprise by the French. happening to the girls and women left behind by the retreating Serbian army the world can only guess.

The Serbian Government ordered all men and boys to leave the villages and join the army in the retreat through the Albanian mountains. Coordered to remain and care for the villages.

In other countries the women said goodby to their men and saw them go to war. But these Serbian heroines said goodby to their men and then Oscar, Gen, Hindenburg, Gen. Falkwaited for the war to come to them It is not the refugees who fied to the snows of the Albanian mountains despatches received here to-day. with all its horrors and sufferings. who are suffering most. It is the

less homes of Serbia. Lacking food and proper clothing, they are at the mercy of the winter. Lucking protection in the little villages and the country districts, they may become the prey of Balkan guer-

helpless women and girls in the man-

rillas. If any aid is to reach them it must come largely from America. Refugees arriving here declare that only Amerlea can find out what is actually happening in Serbia to-day and send aid, through Germany, as was done in the case of Belgium.

The appeal for relief for the starving Serbians recently made by Madame Grouitch, an American woman, was effective. From western and middle western cities of the United States, in particular, came

But the donations were misdirected. American Consul John E. Kehl at Salonica, has received supplies of food and about \$30,000 in cash, telegraphed in odd lots from America. He is puzzled to know what to do with them, since he can not inaugurate sends word to persons in the United States that all relief work in Serbia must be carried on through arrangements with the German Government.

| Interest For The Half-Year Ending Per Annum

Servant Killed by Electricity.

Mary Raskinsky, a servant employ ed in the home of Charle Abrams at No. 518 Pourth Avenue, Astoria, L. ime in contact with a storage ha ime in contact with a storage hat-tery in the home of her employer this afternoon and was killed.

# AVIATOR SHOOTS DOWN SEVENTH BRITISH AIRSHIP

Berlin Headquarters Officially Reports the Exploits of Lieut.

Emmelman. BERLIN, via Wireless to Sayville, L. I., Dec. 16.-Aerial battles along the entire western front were reported in this afternoon's official state-

"Lieutenant Emmelman, in an air fight over Valenciennes, shot down an English monoplane," the War Office stated. "This is the seventh English monoplane conquered Emmelman.

"According to French reports, an dropped near the station. One officer was killed in the town and another wounded. The only military damage

bands not yet entirely suppressed by windows were broken."

The War Office reported artillery

#### KAISER AT CHURCH ON RUSSIAN FRONT

incidentally the women and girls were With Von Hindenburg at Vilna and Decorates Several

Soldiers. BERLIN (via wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.), Dec. 16.-The Kaiser, Prince enhayn and other military leaders at-

The Kalser personally decrated a number of soldiers, chatting with privates and officers.

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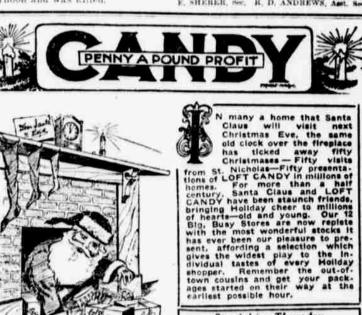
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